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SUBJECT: PATROL SHIP MULTI-MISSION (PSMM)

REFERENCE: COMUSKOREA 020746Z OCT 73

1. BELIEVE IT IS PREMATURE NOW TO PROPOSE ANY USE OF US SECURITY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES TO COVER POSSIBLE INCREASE IN THE KOREAN PSMM PROGRAM. WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE A BETTER PICTURE OF THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM AND SEE WHETHER ROKG IS ABLE TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE NEW OWNERS OF TOCOMA TO COMPLETE THE BOATS PRIOR TO MAKING ANY COMMITMENT TO THE ROK.

2. OUR TENTATIVE VIEW IS THAT WHILE MAP SUPPORT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT MEANS FROM ROK STANDPOINT OF HANDLING POSSIBLE COST INCREASES IN KOREAN PSMM PROGRAM, WE WOULD PREFER TO ALLOCATE PORTION OF ANY AVAILABLE FMS CREDIT FOR THIS
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PURPOSE. REASONS FOR THIS ARE:

(A) FUNDING SPARES AND AMMUNITION IS CONTRARY TO OUR
POLICY OF REDUCING GRANT SUPPORT FOR O AND M COSTS;

(B) WE DO NOT WISH TO USE GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO
SUPPORT COPRODUCTION PROJECTS AND THIRD SHIP IS SCHEDULED

FOR ASSEMBLY IN KOREA;

(C) PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH FMS CREDIT AND USING
GRANT SUPPORT TO COMPLETE IT COULD LEAVE MILITARY ASSIS-
TANCE PROGRAM OPEN TO THE HARMFUL CRITICISM, PARTICULARLY
IF ANY IRREGULARITIES IN ROK BOAT COMPANY CONTRACT WERE
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